

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 6, is paper. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Monthly RAB meeting scheduled

The Restoration Advisory Board for the Installation Restoration Program will meet Thursday, Sept. 30, 7-9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic will be the Westwood Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public. For information, call 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Visual information, PAO relocate

The Visual Information Support Division, Directorate of Information Management, has relocated from building 324 to building 4725, located on Bomb Loop Road. The move is part of a consolidation with AMC Exhibits. Work requests for visual information work can be filled out at building 4725. Multimedia and web services will remain at building 324. Customers can continue to reach the division at the same phone numbers; for more information, call 410-278-3473.

The APG Public Affairs Office, including the APG News staff, has relocated from building 314 to building 324. For more information, call 410-278-1150.

Civilian care at EA clinic changes

Only emergency services will be available for civilian employees on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, and Oct. 15. Any other occupational health services are referred to the Occupational Health Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For information, call Naomi Green, 410-278-1913.

Donate platelets in White Marsh

If you are interested in donating platelets, the White Marsh Apheresis Center is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. For appointments, call 800-272-2123, ext. 4472.

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Governor visits APG, Harford County

By Pat McClung
APG Public Affairs Office

Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening made a visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground Sept. 22, and called the proving ground one of "Maryland's hidden jewels."

"Not only is it a military base for Army research and training, it is a world-class technology facility," Glendening said as he toured the installation.

During that tour, he learned more about APG's economic importance to Maryland and Harford County, and got a chance to drive an M-1 tank at Aberdeen Test Center's Munson Test Course.

He saw the post from the air during a helicopter flyover, and visited the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's Rodman Materials Research Laboratory, ATC's Automotive Command Center and the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School.

At the end of the tour, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical

Command, briefed Glendening on the mission of SBCCOM and the uniqueness of APG with its 56 separate tenant activities.

Doesburg noted that one of the proving ground's greatest strengths, in addition to its strong technology base, is "the relationship between the cities around us and the county."

Glendening said the first-hand look at APG is a big step toward an even stronger partnership in the future.

"We have a \$500,000 state partnership and we'll be working with the local delegation to protect what we have here," he said. "This is one of Maryland's hidden jewels."

The Army Alliance received not only \$500,000 in state money, but also \$100,000 from Harford County, to support and protect the proving ground. Harford County Executive James Harkins called that money some of the best the county has ever spent.

Glendening also discussed the need to maintain the integrity of the post and its mission, and to

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Photo by RALPH BROTH

Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening talks to Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, APG commander, at the end of a tour of the proving ground Sept. 22. The governor called APG one of "Maryland's hidden jewels."

Fire prevention week

'The Great Escape' requires practice, not magic

When you hear the term "The Great Escape," images of Houdini and disappearing acts may come to mind. However, the Fire and Emergency Services Division is focusing on another kind of escape, and joining 30,665 fire departments nationwide in observing National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 3-9.

For more than 70 years, the National Fire Protection Association has been an official sponsor in developing themes for National Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is the second part of a two-year campaign that began last year, as a result of the 1997 Home Escape Survey conducted by NFPA. This survey

showed that only 16 percent of respondents who had escape plans actually practiced them.

"These findings demonstrate that most people are not well prepared if a fire does occur in the home," said Mer-K Appy, NFPA's vice president of public education. "Our hope is that 'The Great Escape' motivates people to begin thinking about fire safety in a positive, proactive way, and to start practicing their home escape plans regularly, at least twice a year."

Don't forget an early-morning fire on Sept. 3 in Dundalk, Md., which killed a family of two adults and four children. Neighbors and witnesses told Baltimore County fire officials

that they heard the smoke detectors sounding from the home. Several attempts were made by neighbors in the early stages of the fire to rescue the occupants, but they were driven back by heavy smoke, heat and fire. When firefighters arrived on the scene at 4:20 a.m., the house was fully involved in fire and smoke. Today, neighbors are reminded of the tragic loss of an entire family. As the investigation continues, it is apparent that the occupants were trapped on the second floor of the home.

Finding the way out of your house should not be magic, said Andre' A. Fournier, fire protection

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Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

Advanced Individual Training students perform a spirited "bleacher dance" prior to the Commander's Cup award ceremony Sept. 23.

E Company 16th makes history, wins first Commander's Cup

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

A company of young officers made Aberdeen Proving Ground sports history last week, as E Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, was named the winner of the Commander's Cup Award.

The award, presented annually for the past 19 years and sponsored by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce, honors and encourages performance in intramural sports. The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment won second place for the second year in a row.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, commander of APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, presented trophies to E Company and USMC, and presented plaques to the winners of each sport throughout the year, to the unit chosen for best sportsmanship and to the top unit sports representative. Randy

Lindell, chairman of the chamber's Military Affairs Committee, also was on hand to honor the winners.

The Commander's Cup Award is presented not only for athletic prowess, but also factors such as sportsmanship, participation and consistency. E Company earned 237 points, participating in all 14 sports offered this year, and never missing a Sports Council meeting, said Marni Allison, APG sports director.

"The points go to the teams that win first, second and third place, but also go to units for participation in sports, meetings and clinics," Allison said. "Smaller companies with high turnover, like E Company, can be competitive because they get out there for every sport and every meeting."

Capt. Karen Barnes, who commands the company of 249 officers and foreign students, cited not only

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MRICD wins R&D award

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense has won the 1999 Army Research and Development Organization Award of Excellence in the small laboratory category.

This is the second time in the past three years that the institute has received honors in the Army's R&D Organization of the Year competition.

"I am extremely proud and honored that the institute has been recognized in this manner," said MRICD Commander Col. James S. Little. "We have an exceptional organization with devoted individuals working together on an extremely important mission. I really appreciate all those individuals who worked so hard to deserve this recognition."

Maj. Gen. John S. Parker, commanding general of MRICD's headquarters, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, also commended the Institute upon its success.

"The Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense is

a national asset," he said. "This recognition as a laboratory of excellence firmly establishes the fact that the laboratory management, science, and products that are generated are 'world class.' The scientists, engineers and administrative support personnel, through this award, have been recognized as a premier team. My congratulations to each and every one of them."

The awards recognize the best of the R&D organizations, those that enhance the capability and readiness of the Army operational forces and the national defense and welfare of the United States. An evaluation committee composed of highly qualified members of the Army and the Department of Defense science and technology community, and chaired by the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, judges a written nomination as well as an oral presentation provided by the organization's commander or director. The organizations were ranked according to accomplish-

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'Soldier-of-the-Future' system sees evolution

By Gerry J. Gilmore
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Sept. 22, 1999) - A prototype individual fighting system designed for use by 21st-century soldiers continues to receive improvements.

"Land Warrior" is designed to enable infantrymen to engage and defeat enemies on tomorrow's digitized battlefield. Some "Land Warrior" components, such as its integral computer system, and radio have been made lighter and therefore easier to carry and use.

Sergeant 1st Class Cary C. Augustine, an infantryman tester assigned to Training and Doctrine Command Systems Manager-Soldier at Fort Benning, Ga., calls "Land Warrior" a "revolutionary" concept.

"It gives every infantryman the capability to see where he is on the map, to see where his buddies are, to see where any identified enemy positions are ... [and] to

engage targets from cover using the thermal, or video camera gun sights," said Augustine. "Using the view from the 'heads-up' display mounted on his helmet, a soldier can stay under cover and engage targets accurately without exposing himself."

Journalists were able to inspect the improved system during a Sept. 9 Pentagon press luncheon, where Augustine and another soldier were outfitted in "Land Warrior" equipment.

Some Land Warrior system components include:

- A lightweight helmet with integral ballistic/laser eye protection, monocular computer display, day/night target sensor unit, and adaptable chemical/biological mask;
- Mission-tailored computer software;
- Modular, load-carrying unit [back-mounted] with integrated

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Fact of the Week



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 15 million Americans drink water contaminated with pesticides.

Statistics provided by the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP)

For more information on pollution prevention, call Michelle Guitard, APG Pollution Prevention Program, 410-306-2273.

Jack Gene Walker

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Jack Gene Walker, shown here enjoying a piece of watermelon at his favorite campsite in Solomon's Island, Md., died unexpectedly on Sept. 21 at age 61. A Vietnam veteran, he was retired from the Army and performed duties in field engineering and civil service at APG. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Tomiko Ohno Walker, one son, Robert Y. Walker of Aberdeen, one daughter, Margaret R. Gruber of Aberdeen, one brother and two sisters, who live in Wisconsin, and six grandchildren. His family would like to thank everyone who worked with him for their support during this difficult time.



OC&S students help youths at Aberdeen Boys & Girls Club

Kaena Appling uses the word “beautiful” often, especially when she talks about those willing to volunteer with children. This time, she was talking about the lieutenants from the Officers Basic Course who volunteered at Aberdeen’s Boys & Girls Club, where Appling is the unit director.

“They came in with so much enthusiasm,” Appling said. “It was beautiful to see so many people who really cared.”

The lieutenants, most recently from Class 05-99, help in many ways. Last spring, other classes helped with homework. This summer, 05-99 helped with a basketball tournament.

“They supplied the t-shirts, and that was beautiful,” Appling said. “Just knowing you have someone to count on is so important, and volunteers are hard to come by.”

Appling and Betty Taylor, teen coordinator, agreed that the lieutenants and their TAC officers are important. They give time and encouragement, and serve as role models to young people who may sometimes feel no one cares. Three classes have participated, including 05-99.

In addition to the shirts, they helped plan the

tournament, and served as referees.

“It’s one thing when people donate money, but another entirely to see people donating time, energy and effort,” Taylor said.

“Money is a blessing; it helps the kids by providing the building and supplies,” Appling added. “But there’s nothing like that one-on-one friendship.”

The Boys & Girls Club supports more than just basketball tournaments. Now that the school year has started, there’s help with homework, career preparation programs and opportunities to learn about interviewing for jobs. There’s a computer lab and a library, programs to help deal with peer pressure, and activities for both teens and younger children. Volunteers are welcome.

“Since the basketball tournament, some Marines have started coming in,” Appling said. “They came in and picked up applications for the volunteer process.”

“It’s good for (the children) to see that people come from all over who care,” Taylor added.

To learn more about the Harford County Boys & Girls Clubs, which have centers in Aberdeen, Edgewood and Havre de Grace, call 410-272-9822.

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Thrift Shop seeks manager, donating funds

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop is accepting applications for manager through Sept. 30. Retail and personnel experience is preferred. For information, stop by the shop on Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m., or Thursdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; call the shop at 410-272-8572; or contact Moira Kearney, 410-297-9614.

The shop also will donate funds this fall. If your group or organization would like to receive a donation, submit your request, in writing, by Nov. 1 to: Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop, Building 2458, ATTN: L. Conway, APG, MD 21005. State the purpose for the funds and provide a name and phone number of a contact person.

Blue Cross rep to visit APG

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has arranged a visit by a claims representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) on Oct. 12, 9-11:30 a.m., in building 305, room B-14 (lower level), and 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Area, building E-4420, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary. For information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

Sign up for gift wrapping

Sign up for the 1999 Christmas Gift Wrap Program, sponsored by Army and Air Force Exchange Service. All APG family support groups, non-profit organizations and volunteer activities affiliated with APG are eligible to participate. Those interested must contact Alice Surette, installation volunteer coordinator, 410-278-5469, by Oct. 26. Each organization must send a representative to a meeting. AAFES provides wrapping paper, boxes and an area to wrap at the Main Post Exchange. Organizations and activities provide labor, tape, scissors and ribbon and receive all money the group earns. Wrapping starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas Eve.

EA wives to raise funds

The Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club is holding its fall fundraiser, a Longaberger Basket opportunity. The basket sets offered this year include the Traditions Generosity Basket, Beachcomber and Seashell Baskets, and Homestead Basket and Homestead Crock. Tickets cost \$1 each, six for \$5. The winners will be decided by drawing on Oct. 30. Profits will benefit military and local community organizations. Tickets are on sale throughout post through EA-OWC members, or by calling either Karen Chambers, 410-676-9142, or Debbie Della Silva, 410-272-6685.

Awareness training set for October

The Baltimore Federal Executive Board Individuals With Disabilities Committee will sponsor the 14th Annual Disability Awareness Training Conference. The Conference will be held from

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8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Fort George G. Meade Officer’s Club. The theme for this year’s training conference is Hidden Disabilities and Americans With Disabilities in the New Millennium. All agency employees and military service members are welcome to participate. Registration for the conference is \$35 per person and includes training materials, luncheon, coffee, juice and pastries. The Officer’s Club is accessible; however, advise the FEB at 410-962-4047 of any special requirements, such as signing for the hearing impaired.

Property missing from clinic

A biofeedback/electromyography machine is missing from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. The machine is an Amatron, serial number 725013509, MMCN C5743. If you have information about this machine, contact Sgt. Jonathan Stapel, 410-278-1951/1953.

OC&S Library extends hours

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School Library has extended its hours of operation. The new hours are: Monday, noon-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, noon-7 p.m.; Wednesday, noon-7 p.m.; Thursday, noon-4:30 p.m.; and Friday, noon-4 p.m. The library is closed on Saturday and Sunday. To gain access to the library between 5-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, you must sign in with the staff duty officer on the second floor of building 3071. Enter at the rear of the building, go to the SDO and sign in. After 5 p.m., the library will be locked and you must show identification to use the facility. If you already are in the library at 5 p.m., you will be asked to sign the library’s roster. A member of the staff will be on duty to assist you during these hours. When you are finished in the library, you must sign out with the SDO. Call 410-278-5615 for more information.

Stamp to help find breast cancer cure

The U.S. Postal Service recently released its new “Fund the Cure” stamp to help fund breast cancer research. The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Md. “This disease kills and maims many of our mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins and, friends,”

said Marni Allison, APG sports director, in supporting the stamp.

Instead of the normal 33 cents for a stamp, this one costs 40 cents. The additional seven cents will go to breast cancer research. Cost for a typical book of stamps is \$6.60, and a book of the “Fund the Cure” stamps costs \$8.

Complete officer’s course at APG

If you need to complete the Command and General Staff Officer’s Course, you will have an opportunity beginning in October. The 10th Bn, 80th Training Division will conduct classes in both Phases I and III at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Attending class offers advantages over the correspondence option, including access to instructors and learning from fellow students. Enrollment is open to active duty, Army Reserve and National Guard officers in the rank of captain (promotable) and above. Class sizes are limited. For more information or to enroll contact the following: Phase I - Lt. Col. Mary Kay Hopkins, 410-942-0830 (home), or mkhopkin@aec.apgea.army.mil; Phase III - Lt. Col. Jan Kolakowski, 410-436-2755 (work), 410-836-6712 (home), or jekolako@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

CWF planning bus trips

The Civilian Welfare Fund has two upcoming holiday bus trips. On Nov. 20, CWF will sponsor a trip to see the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show in New York City. The price will be \$85 per person, which includes charter bus transportation and the ticket for the show. There will be time before the show for lunch and shopping.

On Dec. 3, CWF will sponsor a trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater to see the annual Holiday Show. The price is \$35 per person, which includes charter bus transportation, meal and the show.

For reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603/4771.

Luncheon planned for November

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host a Native-American Heritage Month Lunch on Nov. 3 at Top of the Bay, with guest speaker Mitchell Bush, president of the American Indian Society. For details, call Sfc. Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534.

DISCOVER a world of career possibilities

DISCOVER is a well-known career guidance and information system that guides students through career information and determine the careers best suited to your interests, abilities and values. The new Windows95 version offers plenty of audio, graphics, and videos to guide your career planning. You can use the program step-by-step to develop a complete career planning profile, or you can use the sections you think will help the most. The APG Education Center offers DISCOVER to service members, civilians and family members. Talk to the education counselor; no appointment is necessary. Bring a disk to save search results. For information, call 410-278-3515. The center is in building 3145, and is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Community Notes

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30 MASSAGE THERAPY

The APG Committee for the Disabled is hosting a special presentation on massage therapy from 2-4 p.m. at Top of the Bay. Joanna Herrmann, a nationally certified massage therapist from the Center for Holistic Healing in Bel Air, will speak about the benefits of massage therapy and relaxation therapy as alternative approaches to good health. This presentation is open to all APG employees. No reservations are required. For information, see your organization's representative for the APG Committee for the Disabled, or call Angela Cheek, 410-278-1140.

RAB MEETING

The Restoration Advisory Board for the Installation Restoration Program will meet from 7-9:45 p.m. at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic will be the Westwood Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and local citizens are invited. For information, call 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1 WOMEN VETERANS

Maryland Freestate Chapter 70 of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association will meet at 2 p.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center, 7 Franklin St. All WAAC, WAC, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, and those serving in the Army today or honorably discharged are invited. Call 410-272-5040 for more information.

COUNTRY DANCING

Country western dancing will be held at American Legion Post 128 in Aberdeen. Beginner Cha Cha will be held at 8:15 p.m., with intermediate lessons at 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members, and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels.

VFW BINGO

Bingo is held Fridays at 6:45 p.m. for early-birds, 7:15 p.m. for regular bingo, at the Aberdeen Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Rd., behind the Wal-Mart in Aberdeen. The games offer \$500 and \$1,000 jackpots. For more information, call Bill Cantler, 410-272-1218, or 410-272-4110.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2 BAKE SALE

Maryland Freestate Chapter 70 of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association will hold a bake sale/raffle at the APG Main Post Exchange from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Three baskets will be raffled. Tickets for the raffle cost \$1 each; you need not be present to win. Call 410-272-5040 for information.

CASTING KIDS

Youths ages 7-14 can learn fishing skills and cast for prizes at the "Cast, Pitch and Flip" contest, sponsored by the Onoatok Bass Outfitters Club, held at the Onoatok Bass Outfitters Bass Tackle Pro Shop at 2057 Pulaski Highway, North East, Md., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and will continue Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Rods and reels will be provided. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information call Karl Bunch, 410-272-6940.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8 LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Harford County Humane Society will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall on Rogers Street. Doors open at 6 p.m. For tickets, call Doris Hoppers, 410-939-2055, Joan Bain, 410-272-1391, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13 EA-OWC LUNCHEON

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club invites you to the October luncheon. This month's speaker is Maryland Sen. Nancy Jacobs, who will discuss women in politics. The luncheon will be held at the Colonel's Choice Restaurant on Route 40 in Aberdeen. Social time will be held at 11:30 a.m., with lunch to follow at noon. Menu choices are chef's salad, \$9.25; chicken marsala, \$12; and seafood newburg, \$12.50. Call Norma Blatterman, 410-671-9966, by noon, Oct. 8, with your selection.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15 LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The PTA, adults and parents of Church Creek Elementary School will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m., at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, Md. Doors open at 6 p.m.; there will be a bake sale and drinks available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (3 cards), and \$5 for additional sets of 3 cards. To purchase tickets, call Becky Foster, 410-272-8879 or Kim Shumaker, 410-272-1381. First come, first served. If available, tickets will be sold at the door. The fund-raiser benefits the Church Creek Elementary School PTA.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16 LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Good Shepherd Catholic School will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m., at the Good Shepherd Catholic School located on 810 Aiken Avenue, Perryville, Md. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food and drinks will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (3 cards), and \$5 for additional sets

of 3 cards. To purchase tickets, call the Good Shepherd School at 410-642-6265 or call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. The fund-raiser benefits Good Shepherd Catholic School.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17 FIFTH DISTRICT VFW MEETING

The Fifth District Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at Jarrettsville Manor Memorial VFW Post #8672, 1714 Morse Road, Jarrettsville. Carole Simonsen, President, Department of Maryland Ladies Auxiliary will be making her official visit. All Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend and extend a warm welcome to Department President Simonsen.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27 WELCOMETO APG

APG will hold an orientation, 1-3 p.m., AA Recreation Center, building 3326, to welcome incoming military and civilian personnel and their families. Representatives from post activities will inform you about APG and community services and activities. For information, call 410-278-3137/4372.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 29 SPOOKY FUN

The 16th Ordnance Battalion will take on the second year of scaring the public with "Haunted House II: Last Rites of 1999." The haunted house started last year with a "haunted dining facility." This year, the "Horror Coaster" for the brave will be held at building 3511. For the young and the faint of heart, a friendly ghost will be added this year. Food and beverages will be available at Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park. The event will be held Oct. 28, 5-10 p.m.; Oct. 29 and 30, 6-11:30 p.m.; and Oct. 31, 5-10 p.m. For information, call 410-306-1538, or 410-278-8595.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 HONOR VETERANS

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter 70, will hold a Veterans Day buffet luncheon at 3 p.m. at the Colonel's Choice Restaurant, on Route 40 in Aberdeen. The cost is \$20 per person. The guest speakers will be Brig. Gen. Bettye Simmons, commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and Command Sgt. Maj. Dean M. Kolker of APG Garrison. For more information or reservations, call Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

MWR UPDATE

APG Riding Activity has vacancies

The APG Riding Activity, a self-care boarding facility, will have vacancies for box stalls on Oct. 1. Monthly stall fees are \$40 per horse, and owners are responsible for the daily care and feeding of their animal. Any MWR eligible patron may board their horse(s) at the activity. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Donate to Spouse Abuse Resource Center

Members of the APG Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (B.O.S.S.) are sponsoring a donation collection for the Harford County Spouse Abuse Resource Center (SARC). Personal hygiene items are needed, such as soap, toothpaste and disposable diapers. Persons wishing to contribute to this drive may contact their unit BOSS representative or drop off items at the post recreation centers.

Bow hunting class scheduled

APG will host a Bowman's Certification Class Oct. 1, 6-10 p.m., in building 5445, room 213. This certification is recognized throughout the United States and in parts of Europe. For information, contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124/5789.

Hunter Safety Classes scheduled

Edgewood Area Hunter Safety Classes will be presented in building E-4733 (Deer Station) on Friday, Oct. 1, 6-9 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$5. Call 410-278-4124 to register for the class.

Chesapeake Challenge open on weekends

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park is located off Springfield Road, behind the APG Commissary, and is open Fridays, 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturdays, 1 p.m.-midnight, and Sundays, 1-8 p.m. Ride the go-karts for \$3 for five minutes, or bat in the cages for 50 cents for 12 balls, baseball or softball. Bring a friend and challenge them to 18 holes of miniature golf, for \$3 per person, \$1 for ages 5 and under. For the go-karts, you must be over 54 inches tall to drive. The park has two-seaters for those who don't meet the height requirement. Watch for upcoming specials in October for half-priced go-kart rides and half-priced miniature golf.

If you would like to schedule a party or other special event call 410-278-9920.

Edgewood Arts and Crafts Center has classes

Woodshop orientation: A basic woodshop orientation will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$3 user fee. This class is required to work in the woodshop.

Porcelain Doll Class: A beginning Porcelain Doll class will begin Oct. 7 and will continue Oct. 14 and 21, 5-8 p.m. Students will make the Sugar Britches doll. Cost is \$30 plus supplies.

Ceramics class: A beginning ceramics class will be held Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies. The craft shop has more than 500 molds to pour and a wide selection of bisqueware, greenware, paints and brushes for sale. This is an introductory class in mold-pouring ceramics and will give a basic understanding of how to get started.

Stained glass: A beginning stained glass class will be held Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Students will make a suncatcher using the copper foil method. This basic class teaches the skill you need to make larger projects. Cost is \$15 and includes supplies.

Framing class: A beginning matting and framing class will be held Oct. 28, 5:30-9 p.m. Students must bring an 8x10-inch picture to frame. Cost is \$15 plus supplies. Students must register in advance as space is limited.

Custom framing: The center does quality custom framing at reasonable prices.

Hours: The center is open Thursdays, 1-9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by building E-4440 or call 410-436-2153 for information.

Aberdeen fitness center offers health help

The Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center in building 320 is a full-service facility with daily step aerobics, toning and kickbox aerobics classes and one-on-one training. The center is open Monday-Thursday, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. For details, call 410-278-9725/9759.

EA Health and Fitness Center

The Edgewood Area Health and Fitness Center has a new aerobics schedule for fall, with two new classes added. Aerobics classes are held Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. On Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., Funky Step classes will be held. From 6:05-7:05 p.m., step classes will be held, followed by an abdominal workout. Aerobics classes with toning are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. A new "Aero-Box" class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Step aerobics will be held Saturday mornings. For more information, call the EA Health and Fitness Center, 410-436-7134.

Lunch-time bowling offered

Lunchtime bowling is offered at the APG Bowling Center. Gather your friends and co-workers and hit the center for lunch. The Snack Bar offers weekly lunch specials.

Fall hours at the center are: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-midnight; Saturday, noon-1 a.m., and Sunday (starting Sept. 19), noon-7 p.m. Call for specials available for parties and events, 410-278-4041/2084.

MOVIES

MYSTERY MEN

Friday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.

Starring: Hank Azaria, Janeane Garofalo

In Champion City, would-be superheroes like "The Shoveler," "The Blue Raja," and "Mr. Furious" can't seem to make a difference and impress the city or its greatest superhero, Captain Amazing. When Captain Amazing is captured by his greatest enemy, Cassanova Frankenstein, the superhero hopefuls band together to save the Captain and the city. **(Rated PG-13)**

THE IRON GIANT

Saturday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.

Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Eli Marienthal (Animated)

Based on the 1968 story "Iron Man," a giant metal machine drops to Earth and frightens a small town in Maine in 1958, until it befriends a 9-year-old named Hogarth, and ultimately find its humanity by unselfishly saving the townspeople from their own fears and prejudices. **(Rated PG)**

DETROIT ROCK CITY

Saturday, Oct. 2, 9 p.m.

Starring: Gene Simmons, Edward Furling, Natasha Lyonne

Four Midwestern high schoolers go on a quest for a quartet of KISS concert tickets. What begins as the pursuit of rock 'n' roll fantasy turns into hairpin turns and comic misadventures. Using a fast-paced style and hammering soundtrack, the film captures not only the humorous nostalgia for the '70s, but the eternal charms of living at maximum volume. **(Rated R)**

LIBRARY CORNER

The APG Garrison Library has new books for your reading pleasure. Come by the Aberdeen Area Library or Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out some books.

Code of the Street, by Elijah Anderson;
Diana: a Portrait in Her Own Words, by Diana Princess of Wales;
How to Wash Your Face, by Barney J. Kenet;
Influenza 1918: The Worst Epidemic in American History, by Lynette Lezzoni
Sweet Invisible Body: Reflections on Life with Diabetes, by Lisa Roney.

Hours

The Aberdeen Area Library is located at building 3320 on Aberdeen Boulevard, and is open Monday-Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. It is closed Thursday and Friday.

The Edgewood Area Library is located at building E-4405 on Austin Road, and is open Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. It is closed Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

SAFETY AWARENESS

Camping and travel

Everyone has moments when they feel a little like Chevy Chase in "National Lampoon's Vacation." But you can reduce traveling and camping mishaps by following these important safety tips:

- Carry medical information with you, including the names and numbers of your doctor and pharmacist;
- Take along a first aid kit for minor problems such as sunburn and insect bites;
- Before hiking, dress weather-appropriately and check for potential hazards of terrain, climate and disease.

Learn more about handling an emergency by contacting the APG Division of Fire and Emergency Services at 410-306-0562.

LEAVE DONATION

For information about donating annual leave, call Cheryl Gatling; 410-278-8978; or fax 410-278-8839. Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Michael Alexander (wife has cancer);
Barbara Breithaupt (multiple sclerosis);
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant);
Alberta Brown (mother ill);
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema);
Tammy Budkey
Melda Callendar;
Sheila Cassidy (mother has cancer);
Dawn Crouse (surgery);
William Edwards (back surgery);
Willa Freisheim
Stephen Howard (Bone Marrow Transplant);
Judy Hunt (arthropathy);
Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);
Marlin Julian (heart surgery);
Sharen Kaylor (eye surgery);
Jennifer Keetley (maternity);
Tracey Kerney (surgery);
Beverly King (caring for husband);
Lucy Long;
Connie LaFlamme;
Sherrie Laury (heart problems);
Dolores "Dee" McGrogan (back problems);
Susan Naccarato (carpal tunnel syndrome);
Mary Pettitway;
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery);
Michael Reynolds;
Churon Ringgold (maternity);
Mary Lee Samples (lymphoma cancer);
Allan Scarborough (Back Surgery)
Sherry Schaffer;
Richard Squillacioti (Terson Syndrome);
Walter Taylor (auto accident);
Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);
Joseph Walker (wife has cancer)
Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);
Kenneth Weathers (medical);
Willie Williams.

Governor visits APG, sees proving ground’s technology

GOVERNOR, from front page

prevent additional downsizing.

“In times like these, you either grow or you go, and with the downsizing, you must be proactive,” the governor said after the tour. “Our future will be in partnership with test centers and civilian agencies.”

Havre de Grace Mayor Philip J. Barker also took part in the tour, as did retired Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Mike Hayes, state director of Military and Federal Facilities.

Personnel participating in the governor’s visit included Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander of

the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command; Brian M. Simmons, deputy to the TECOM commander and chairman of the APG Science and Technology Board; Col. Thomas Resau, TECOM chief of staff; Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander and commander of APG Garrison; Col. Andrew G. Ellis, ATC commander; Col. Ira H. Hudson, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, OC&S; Lawrence Johnson, ARL; and Tim McNamara, director of safety, health and environment.

After APG, Glendening visited Aberdeen’s Higher Education and Technology Center.



John Wallace of ATC, left, shows the governor and Maj. Gen. Doesburg a model of the Roadway Simulator. At right, Col. Andrew G. Ellis, ATC commander, discusses the proving ground’s testing capabilities, before the helicopter tour. Below, Doesburg and Glendening talk after the governor’s arrival at Phillips Army Airfield.



Photos by RALPH BROTH



OC&S cited for anti-pollution efforts

OC&S Corporate Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School has been cited by Businesses for the Bay for its efforts to help protect the

Chesapeake Bay by preventing pollution year round.

Business for the Bay is a voluntary program that helps businesses and government facilities

save money and protect the bay by preventing pollution and waste. OC&S was among 56 Maryland organizations listed by the group as part of their observance of National Pollution Prevention Week.

Kelly A. Mecum, coordinator for Businesses for the Bay, stated, “I am pleased that we could take

this opportunity to recognize your facility’s efforts to prevent pollution from entering the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers.”

The 56 organizations were recognized in an advertisement in the Baltimore Business Journal. More information about the organization and its efforts can be found at www.chesapeakebay.net.

Practice emergency escape during Fire Prevention Week

FIRE, from front page

specialist for the Fire and Emergency Services Division.

“Many people are injured by trying to escape from their own homes,” he said. “Take time during National Fire Prevention Week to conduct a home inspection. Pay attention to your means of exit from every room in the house. Remove items from stairways and landings. During the middle of the night in a smoke-filled house, you are not going to see these items, and could fall down the stairs and injure yourself. Check the hallway and remove items that would hinder a clear passage to an exit door.”

Fournier also reminded people to test their smoke detectors.

“It’s a sound you can live with,” he said. “If you have a battery-operated smoke detector, this is a good time to replace the batteries and conduct fire drills.”

A recent study on smoke detectors by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission revealed that smoke detectors begin to lose sensitivity after 10 years of use. Smoke detectors are appliances, like toasters, stereos and furnaces. Unlike other appliances, detectors function quietly in the background, its alarm the only evidence that it works. A stereo that doesn’t play will not lead to tragedy, Fournier said, but a worn-out smoke detector that fails to sound in a fire could.

Fournier recommended replacing smoke detectors every 10 years. The Main Post Exchange is placing fire safety equipment, including smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, on sale Oct. 3-9.

“Every state has laws requiring smoke detectors be installed and

be fully operational in residential occupancies, yet 83 percent of fire deaths last year occurred in residential fires,” he said.

Although public education fire safety programs have reduced the annual death toll due to fire, the United States still leads the world in the highest death rate. Fournier said that in 1997, 4,050 civilians lost their lives to fire, and 23,750 were injured.

“In other words, nationwide, there was a fire death every 130 minutes, and every 22 minutes, someone was injured by fire,” Fournier said. “Let’s not forget the 92 firefighters who lost their lives in protecting others.”

He said families gather each year at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Md., to honor the firefighters who lost their lives.

“It is a difficult task to explain to a child of a fallen firefighter why his parent had to die in protecting lives and property,” he said. “It is especially difficult to explain that 90 percent of those fires fought were caused by human carelessness.”

APG will join other fire departments during the week by conducting unannounced fire drills through the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

“We want to make sure your residences are prepared in the event of a fire,” he said. “Most building occupants may be familiar with the sound of the fire alarm, but they may not be familiar with or know an alternate way out of the building. We want to make sure that it does not take magic to get out of a burning building. The only way to know is to practice fire drills.”

High school students increase science, engineering skills

By Sheila Little
APG News

Forty-two high school students spent eight weeks of their summer break learning scientific procedures on post.

The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory welcomed these top students so they could learn from APG scientists.

This year’s students were chosen from dozens of applications received by the four post tenants. Each selected student was assigned a mentor and project through an interview match, and worked under the watchful guidance of their mentor at the various labs on post. Areas advertised for study at APG included biomedical research, biochemistry, chemistry, physics, engineering, environmental engineering, and computer science. At the conclusion, students wrote a paper on their project and presented it to post personnel and fellow students.

Dr. David Lenz, chief of the Biochemical Pharmacology Branch at MRICD, credited SBC-COM personnel for making him aware of the George Washington University Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program. He said that in the late ‘80s, the command, then known as the Edgewood Research, Development and Engineering Center, was participating engineering students, but applications came in from those interested in other science fields. MRICD was asked about placing non-engineering applicants.



“We got the science applicants from ERDEC for about two years, then we joined the program as a participating laboratory,” he said.

MRICD has participated since 1987, and since has been joined by CHPPM and ARL.

“It’s a great program,” Lenz said. “We have a hand in developing future scientists for the United States.”

He explained that since MRICD generally has on-going projects that students can “step in and out of,” the students often wish to come back the following summer.

“Bringing them back becomes a real bonus,” he said, noting that

30 to 40 percent of the participants go on to graduate study. Several former SEAP students work part-time for the institute while attending graduate school.

Dr. John McDonough, principal investigator of the Applied Pharmacology Branch, mentored two students this summer, and said positions filled by the successful applicants “serve as an excellent training ground “ for young scientists.

“It’s the very best program that I know of for high school students who are interested in science,” he said.

Those awarded a summer position generally have top grades,



Photos by SHEILA LITTLE

Summer apprentice Treasure Walker, at left, prepares reagent for future experiments in the Biochemical Pharmacology Laboratory at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense. Student Mark Walters, above, demonstrates the use of the automatic pipet gun under the watchful eye of molecular pharmacology technician Steve Kirby of MRICD.

excellent teacher references, and a desire to learn more about careers in science or engineering. Administered by George Washington University, the program gives successful applicants a stipend while they are learning.

Students agreed that the bigger pay-off is the experience. Treasure Walker, a senior at C. Milton Wright High School, participated in setting up diagnostic testing at MRICD.

“If you’re interested in the sciences, I’d recommend it,” she said. “I learned a lot.”

Walker said that in addition to learning scientific procedures, she enjoyed interacting with laboratory personnel and finding out about different schools and areas of study.

Alexandria Gordon, a junior at Joppatowne High School, learned about the program from her high school math teacher. She said she enjoyed the opportunity “to see how it is day to day” in the research field.

Gordon said she added to her computer knowledge by working with several different computer programs.

“I learned a lot about data analysis,” she said.

Both students picked up applications through their high school guidance offices and submitted them around the first of the year. The application included an essay on the role science would play in their future studies. Successful applicants were then interviewed and assigned projects and mentors based on their area of interest.

Students who participated at SBCCOM were: Jennifer Bucher, Rachel Bucher, Laura Carpin, Patricia David, Gary Galicki, John Gustin, Matthew Hartman, Valarina Higgins, Adam Laye, Marie Paolucci, Christopher Pojunas, James Roth, Tom Seegar, Richard Sickenberger, Kendall Smardzewski, Justin Smith, Crystal Thomas, JaynineVado, Amber Way, Noah Weston, Jason Yau and John Yu.

Students at MRICD were Jennifer Bloom, Offie Clark, Kevin Filipiak, Alexandria Gordon, Chris Palardy, Rochel Sidell, Treasure Walker, Mark Walters, and Ashley Wells.

CHPPM sponsored Sofia Haque, and students at ARL included Robert Anderson, Steven Betton, George Cole, Joseph Comer, Peter Drysdale, Andrew Drysdale, Adam Hull, Heather McFadden, Shiroman Prakash and Samir Sahu.

Organizers urged students interested in the program to contact their high school guidance office for further information.

‘Land Warrior’ to change Army future

FUTURE, from front page
computer and battery, soldier and squad radios, global positioning system, video-picture capture unit;

- Weapon [a modified M-4 carbine/M-16 rifle] with a laser ranger finder and aiming light, digital compass, video camera, thermal sight, special close-combat optics, and;

- Modular body armor, chemical/biological garments.

The Army has been actively working on “Land Warrior” for three to four years, said Col. Bruce D. Jette from Program Manager Soldier Systems, Fort Belvoir, Va. “Recently, we’ve made breakthroughs in [equipment] size and weight, and significant cost reductions by using

commercial, off-the-shelf technology, such as the computer.”

He noted the updated system has a smaller, commercially procured Pentium-chip computer. “Land Warrior’s” modular body armor, which can stop M-16-sized rounds, already weighs half as much as conventional armor, he added.

Reductions in bulk and weight

involving the back-mounted radio system, said Jette, have enabled the Army to move up its “Land Warrior” fielding projections by two years, to 2003.

“We’re making [a lot] of progress,” he said. “The objective at this point is [to issue] 34,000 units; basically all of the dismounted infantry, to include the Rangers, will be receiving it.”

Institute is top Army R&D organization

MRICD, from front page
ments and impact, organizational vision, strategy and plan, resource allocation, and continuous improvement.

The institute’s nomination packet noted several research accomplishments toward providing the warfighter with medical countermeasures to chemical warfare agents (CWAs). Development of an advanced anticonvulsant that prevents the brain damage and behavioral incapacitation that occurs following exposure to nerve agents has progressed to the concept exploration phase. A pro-

totype reactive topical skin protectant that acts both as a barrier and a decontaminate was demonstrated to provide protection for up to 60 minutes from both the blister agent mustard and the nerve agent soman. The institute’s bioscavenger program contributed to the development of a reusable decontaminating sponge and human mutant enzymes that can hydrolyze CWAs.

MRICD scientists developed research strategies to address previously identified major mechanisms of action of sulfur mustard, demonstrating that both anti-

inflammatory drugs and protease inhibitors can protect animal models against sulfur mustard-induced problems. Other research demonstrated protection of the cornea following pharmacological intervention and accelerated wound healing following debridement with a carbon dioxide laser.

Another area of excellence was related to training in medical management of chemical casualties and support to U.S. agencies that oversee counterterrorism preparedness. Since 1984, MRICD

has trained more than 17,000 health care providers. In 1998, the institute prepared for its largest training endeavor — a live three-day satellite broadcast of “Medical Response to Chemical Warfare and Terrorism.” Shown worldwide in April 1999, this satellite broadcast resulted in the training of 40,000 and the familiarization of approximately 2.5 million people.

The institute will receive its award at a ceremony at the Pentagon Oct. 22.

Ready for competition

By Sheila Little
APG News

The National American Junior Teen Pageant will have a local connection this fall, with post resident Kimberly McClaran, daughter of Sgt. Michael and Sheila McClaran of Patriot Village, among the contestants.

The 14-year-old became eligible to compete at the national level after winning the award for Volunteer Service at the Maryland competition, held in Hunt Valley in June.

“I’m so excited. When I went to the Maryland competition I never expected to win anything,” Kimberly said.

She said she entered the competition for the experience, and added, “It was lots of fun.”

She called the competition “a fantastic experience,” and added that she is looking forward to the national event.

She said that her first teen competition consisted of three days filled with the personal interview, evening gown competition, dance routine rehearsal, and “lots of standing in line.”

Kimberly said that although she didn’t enter all of the events, competitions were held to declare a winner in the categories of best speech presentation, top volunteer, most talented, most photogenic, most congenial, and winning smile, among others. There were also awards given to those who were most successful in raising funds to support the event.

Kimberly became eligible for the national contest as the Volunteer Service winner for Maryland. She explained that the volunteer award was based on the variety, consistency, and number of hours devoted to volunteering over the past three years.

During that time, Kimberly has shared her music skills with nursing homes and churches, worked concessions and gift wrapped for volunteer and school organizations, volunteered as support personnel for parades and concerts,



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Wearing her volunteer service sash, Kimberly McClaran holds the trophy she won at the Maryland State pageant. At her right are photos and other awards she has won.

offered free baby-sitting for family support group events, served as a member of music ensembles for a local museum, volunteered as a classroom helper, and set up communion for the Protestant congregation at the post chapel.

Not restricted to one area of competition, Kimberly plans to add a few more areas of competition to her schedule when she heads to Florida for the Thanksgiving week competition.

“I’m working on a speech, and I’d like to get several pictures together for the photogenic contest,” she said.

Sheila McClaran echoed her daughter’s enthusiasm.

“I was really skeptical at first,” Sheila said, but added that she was won over with the sponsor’s response. She said the literature reflected a contest that emphasized inner as well as outer beauty, and was “geared to the girls.”

“They don’t push heavy make-up and big bouffant hairdo’s. They emphasize a natural look,” she said.

Kimberly added that in addition to the usual contest awards such as most talented and most

photogenic, awards were given for writing the best thank you note, being the most congenial, and giving to others through volunteerism.

While attending the state competition, Sheila said she was pleased that those in charge “kept track of the girls and kept them busy,” so that they were always being supervised.

“Parents did a lot of waiting and worrying” as the girls competed, she said, but overall seemed to enjoy themselves as well.

Sheila said she was interested to hear how 94 girls coped with a quick costume change. She said all of the girls had to change from dance costumes into their ball gowns and be back on stage in five minutes.

“We kind of lined up and all helped each other,” Kimberly said. “The girl behind me zipped my dress, and I pinned up the hair of the girl in front of me.”

Kimberly and Sheila are excited about the upcoming contest in Orlando, and are especially pleased that Kimberly’s dad Michael will be able to attend.

Although he was thrilled to hear of his daughter’s success,

“He’s been kind of feeling left out,” said Sheila.

Previously with the 389th Army Band, McClaran left for a year-long assignment with the 2nd Infantry Division Band in June and missed the Hunt Valley event.

He is due back for a visit in November, and will travel with the family to Florida to watch the competition, celebrate Kimberly’s 15th birthday, and attend the first extended-family Thanksgiving they’ve enjoyed since McClaran entered the service in 1987. The family has relatives in Tampa, West Palm Beach and Orlando.

In addition to visiting with family, seeing local attractions, and competing, Kimberly has another goal.

“I’ll turn 15 while I’m in Florida and can get my learner’s permit,” she said.

Competing at the national level involves additional expense. The family is looking for individuals or businesses willing to sponsor Kimberly for any amount. Contact Sheila McClaran, 410-272-7964, for more information.

Young bowlers on a roll

The Young American Bowling Alliance Saturday Morning Youth League is continuing play each Saturday morning. The league is dedicated in memory of the late Chuck Hamilton, former manager of the APG Bowling Center.

“The boys and girls really liked him for all he did to support the league,” said Sandy MacDonald, coordinator of the league.

The results for Sept. 18 are:

Bantams (Age 8 and under)

Girls High Game - Erica Yonce, 132
Boys High Game - D'Andre Brizan, 141
Girls High Series - Erica Yonce, 305
Boys High Series - D'Andre Brizan, 326
Girls High Game - Jamie Donnelly, 63
Boys High Game - Kyle Swearingen, 71
Girls High Series - Jamie Donnelly, 162
Boys High Series - Kyle Swearingen, 204
Girls High Average - Erica Yonce, 86
Boys High Average - D'Andre Brizan, 103

Preps (Ages 9-11)

Girls High Game - Jalisa Jenkins, 123
Boys High Game - Ryan Anderson, 154
Girls High Series - Jalisa Jenkins, 326
Boys High Series - Sean Conlon, 386
Girls High Game - Brittany Clemmons, 106
Boys High Game - Patrick Conlon, 145
Girls High Series - Brittany Clemmons, 262
Boys High Series - Patrick Conlon, 368
Girls High Average - Sean Conlon, 128
Boys High Average - Jalisa Jenkins, 111

Junior/Major/Senior (Ages 12 and over)

Girls High Game - Jamie Coakley, 201
Boys High Game - Adam Gaultney, 211
Girls High Series - Tasha Taylor, 444
Boys High Series - Adam Gaultney, 573
Girls High Game - Tasha Taylor, 153
Boys High Game - Eddie Sabina, 192
Girls High Series - Jamie Coakley, 440
Boys High Series - Adam Condo, 517
Girls High Average - Tasha Taylor, 142
Boys High Average - Adam Gaultney, 182
Honorable Mention (Ages 6 and under)
Demetrius Shields had a high game of 59 and a high series of 153.
Joshua Fleming had a high game of 36 and high series of 86.
Amanda Anderson for her first week had a high game of 48 and a high series of 75.

The high scores for Sept. 25 are:

Rising Stars:

Erica Yonce, 124; Shaenna Featherstone, 113
Sean Conlon, 131; D'Andre Brizan, 130

Shooting Stars:

Tasha Taylor, 189; Ashley Taylor, 153
Eddie Sabina, 208; Adam Condo, 189

Upcoming stars (Ages 6 and under)

Demetrius Shields, 51; Amanda Anderson, 34; and Joshua Fleming, 29

MacDonald welcomed back Amanda Amberman, Casie Parker, Ben Warriner and Amanda Anderson, and noted that the Travel League meeting has been changed to Oct. 3 at noon at Forest Hills Lanes. All interested should attend. For details, call MacDonald, 410-436-3534, or the APG Bowling Center, 410-278-4041.

Youths can develop positive image

The Aberdeen Area Youth Center will introduce youths to “Project Image,” a new program that will teach basic modeling techniques.

Classes will be held at the center on Saturdays, Oct. 2-23, 6-8 p.m. The class will emphasize good grooming habits, posture, grace, poise, proper presentation, model walking, execution of hand positions, pivoting, stage performance and talent preparation.

The cost is \$20 for the session and is limited to the first 12 registrants, ages 12-18. There may be more sessions based on demand.

For details or registration, call Annette Isaac, 410-278-9062/4995.

Debbie Della Silva named September Volunteer of the Month

By Sheila Little
APG News

The APG September Volunteer of the Month is Debbie Della Silva, new president of the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club.

Nominated by EA-OWC advisor Denise Doesburg, Della Silva was singled out for her willingness to step into the position vacated earlier in the summer. A community resident for two years, she lives on Plumb Point Loop with her husband, Lt. Col. Joseph Della Silva, and sons Clark, 7, and Grant, 5.

"She was very willing to volunteer," said Doesburg as she spoke of the leadership position now held by Della Silva.

Doesburg said that the board was confident that Della Silva would do a great job as president, especially when they reviewed all she had accomplished the previous year as the child care and youth liaison.

"She did a superb job arranging child care, and made sure everyone got the most up-to-date information on child and youth activities," Doesburg said, adding that after a few initial questions about the position, "she really jumped into the job."

Doesburg added that the nominating committee considered Della Silva for the leadership position earlier in the year but, anticipating a move away from APG, she asked to be removed from consideration. Her husband has since moved within the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and began his new job as deputy director of the Advanced Systems Directorate earlier this month.

No novice to volunteering or wives clubs, Della Silva has served on other OWC boards as vice president and publicity chairman. Her neighbor and fellow club member, Lorie McDuffie, volunteers with Della Silva at Roye-Williams Elementary School.

McDuffie cited several exam-



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Debbie Della Silva, APG September Volunteer of the Month, and her son, Grant, 5, show the Longaberger baskets that are part of the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club fall fund-raiser.

ples of Della Silva's helpful nature, noting that she willingly helped with shared child care, car pooling, and even pitched in with last-minute plans for a promotion party.

"She's easy to get along with, and can always be counted on, even at the last minute," McDuffie said, adding that in addition to the EA-OWC, Della Silva volunteered her home as part of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club's holiday home tour last year, and volunteered at the school as a classroom computer helper, PTA fund raiser and school book fair assistant.

Sandy Rodriguez, president of the Protestant Women of the Chapel, described Della Silva as "very creative."

In addition to participating in chapel activities, Rodriguez said Della Silva is "great at planning and helping."

Especially pleased with her friend's knack for decorating, Rodriguez said the volunteer demonstrated talent for planning and thinking creatively by arranging a photo shoot background with a professional flair.

"For our Mother's Day pictures, she brought a rug, rocking chair and antique mirror, and

arranged it so that everyone could get some lovely pictures," Rodriguez said.

EA-OWC Vice President Karen Chambers said Della Silva "really cares about the community."

She said the club president is very involved in the fall fund-raiser to benefit non-profit post and community organizations and schools. In addition to working with post-related volunteer organizations, the chapel, and the elementary school, Della Silva

devotes time to a program designed to encourage young women to pursue higher education.

Della Silva said she got into volunteering about eight years ago when she quit working full-time as a nurse to raise her two young sons. Prior to that, the selfless Della Silva spirit first showed itself when, as newlyweds, the couple adopted an 11-year-old and raised him to adulthood. Today, Doug lives in Anniston, Ala., and is the father of twin girls, born last December.

Della Silva's volunteerism extends beyond the local community. Since age 18, she has been a member of PEO, an international philanthropic educational organization for women. A member of the Bel Air chapter, Della Silva is president of the Baltimore area reciprocity group.

EA-OWC member B.J. Pierce, a member of PEO since 1990, said that although Della Silva has been with the local group less than two years, she agreed to a leadership role that involves coordinating interaction between the Baltimore area chapters. The Bel Air chapter, one of seven Baltimore groups, has more than 50 members.

Della Silva said she is just one of many who freely give to the benefit of others.

"There are so many women on post who do so much, and deserve the recognition far more than I do," she said.

She added that volunteering is something that she feels is well-received and worthwhile.

"I enjoy making a difference in the community," she said.

APG always has openings for volunteers. A list of organizations seeking help and job descriptions are available through the office of Installation Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Alice Surette, 410-278-5469, to enlist as a member of APG's "volunteer army."

Youth Update

Driving class postponed

The Driver's Education Teen Course scheduled for Oct. 5 has been moved to November. For details, call 410-278-4995.

Free registration for families

October is the annual registration for families at the youth centers. The cost is free for the children to come to the recreation activities (except special events). Youth Service registration fees are free, but there is a requirement in Army Regulation 215-1 for all children to be registered each year.

New computer labs available in EA

The Edgewood Youth Center is making two new Computer Lab programs available to all members:

- Middle School Mathematics, for grades 6, 7 and 8, is designed to tutor youth who want to accelerate their knowledge of or are having problems with middle school math.

- The Internet and Your Family, during the week of Oct. 19, introduces the Internet as a family unit.

For information, call 410-436-2862/2098.

Care available for middle schoolers

Before and After School Care spaces for middle school students are available at the AA Youth Center. Cost ranges from \$12.60 to \$34.65 per month. Morning care begins at 6 a.m. until school time, and afternoon care runs until 6 p.m. Stop by the center soon or call 410-278-4995.

Sports and Fitness

SPORTS SHORTS

1999-2000 CWF Basketball League

The Civilian Welfare Basketball League runs from Oct. 22 through April 7, 2000. Games will be played in Hoyle Gymnasium on Fridays, 5-8 p.m. Games are 5-on-5, full court, and generally follow NCAA rules. If you are interested in signing up for the draft, call Louis Kanaras, 410-436-6854, by Oct. 13. To be eligible for the draft, you must have an APG civilian ID card. Contractors and Reserve and National Guard personnel who work on post also are eligible.

Learn about boating and water safety

Lawrence G. Kaye of the American Red Cross Office is available to speak about boating and water safety to any group at APG. For information or an appointment, call the APG Red Cross Office, 410-278-2087.

Spaces available for winter bowling

Male and female bowlers are needed to fill vacancies in the Wednesday night mixed winter league at the APG Bowling Center. For more information, call Dolores Huff, 410-679-1718.

Soccer continues with four teams undefeated

The following results for the APG Intramural Soccer League were reported for the week ending Sept. 24:

Results

Sept. 14

HHC 16th, 3; A Co. 16th, 1
A Co. 143rd, 3; C Co. 16th, 1
NCOA, 1; E Co. 16th, 0
USMC, 5; CHPPM, 0
A Co. 16th, 1; E Co. 16th, 0

Sept. 21

A Co. 16th, 2; C Co. 16th, 0
A Co. 143rd, 2; E Co. 16th, 0
USMC, 6; C Co. 16th, 1

Standings

USMC4-0
B Co. 143rd2-0
HHC 16th2-0
NCOA2-0
A Co. 143rd2-1
A Co. 16th3-2
CHPPM1-2
C Co. 16th1-4

Schedule

Oct. 5

6:30 p.m., C Co 16th vs. HHC 16th
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. A Co. 143rd
7:30 p.m., B Co. 143rd vs. CHPPM
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. A Co 16th

Oct. 7

6:30 p.m., A Co. 143rd vs. CHPPM
7:30 p.m., B Co. 143rd vs. C Co. 16th
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. USMC

Flag football teams continue battle

The following results were reported for the Intramural Flag Football League for the week ending Sept. 24:

American Division

Results

Sept. 13

HHC 143rd, 12; NCOA, 6
HHC 16th, 8; HHC 61st, 6

Sept. 20

NCOA, 18; HHC 16th,, 14
HHC 143rd, 18; N. Guard, 0

Sept. 27

HHC 143rd, 13; HHC 16th, 6

Standings

HHC 143rd3-0
NCOA2-1
HHC 16th2-2
KUSAHC0-0
HHC 61st0-2
N. GUARD0-2

Schedule

Oct. 4

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. N. Guard
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 16th

Oct. 6

6:30 p.m., N. Guard vs. HHC 16th
7:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHC 143rd

Hoyle Division

Results

Sept. 13

520th, 1; A Co. 143rd, 0
MRICD, 1; B Co. 143rd, 0
SBCCOM, 24; CHPPM, 8

Sept. 20

B Co. 143rd2;A Co. 143rd, 6
CHPPM, 6; MRICD, 0
SBCCOM, 28; 520th, 12

Sept. 22

A Co. 143rd, 18; CHPPM, 0
B Co. 143rd, 41; 520th, 22

Standings

SBCCOM3-0
B Co. 143rd3-1
A Co. 143rd3-2
520th2-3
MRICD1-3
CHPPM0-4

Schedule

Oct. 4

6:30 p.m., 520th vs. SBCCOM
7:30 p.m., A Co. 143rd vs. B Co. 143rd
8:30 p.m., MRICD vs. CHPPM

Oct. 6

6:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. B Co. 143rd
7:30 p.m., MRICD vs. 520th
8:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. A Co. 143rd

National Division

Results

Sept. 14

E Co. 16th, 21; USMC, 19
C Co. 16th, 13; B Co. 16th, 0
USAF, 7; A Co. 16th, 6

Sept. 21

C Co. 16th, 7; USAF, 6
USMC, 40; B Co. 16th, 0

Sept. 23

USAF, 24; B Co. 16th, 6
A Co. 16th, 1; E Co. 16th, 0
USMC, 18; C Co. 16th, 0

Standings

A Co. 16th3-1
C Co. 16th3-1
USAF3-2
USMC2-2
E Co. 16th2-2
B Co. 16th0-5

Schedule

Oct. 5

6:30 p.m., C Co. 16th vs. E Co. 16th
7:30 p.m., USAF vs. A Co. 16th
8:30 p.m., USMC vs. B Co. 16th

Oct. 7

6:30 p.m., B Co. 16th vs. C Co. 16th
7:30 p.m., A Co. 16th vs. USMC
8:30 p.m., E Co. 16th vs. USAF

Gas Mask Dash winner sets record for event

The 17th annual Gas Mask Dash was held Sept. 23 in the Edgewood Area.

Brian Harris of Bel Air won first place for civilian men with a record-winning time of 9:20.3. The runner-up for civilian men was Joe Drissel of Columbia with a time of 9:41.

Donna Lewis of Bel Air won first for civilian women, 12:27, and Jessica Kearney of Forest Hill was the runner-up, 12:28.

First place for military men went to SSgt. Jeffrey Siebert, HHC, 16th Ordnance Battalion, 10:52. Runner-up was Paul Dunnj of Forest Hill, a Marine, 11:25. First place for military women was won by Lt. Col. Sally Hoedebecke, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, 14:58; the runner-up was Maj. Donna Ruten, U.S. Army Soldier and Chemical Biological Command, 15:26.

Following are the winners by age group.

10-and-under boys

- 1. Daniel Richards, Baltimore, 18:59
- 2. Clark Della Silva, APG, 19:24
- 3. Grant Della Silva, APG, 23:10

10-and-under girls

- 1. Jessica O’Brien, Joppa, 15:32
- 2. Kelly Dougherty, Baltimore, 18:07
- 3. Anna Williams, Bel Air, 20:12

11-14 boys

- 1. Brian Datsko, Bel Air, 11:24
- 2. Nick Johnson, Street, 11:56
- 3. Brendan Harris, Fallston, 12:47

11-14 girls

- 1. Colleen O’Brien, Joppa, 12:41
- 2. Valerie Beach, Abingdon, 13:27
- 3. Tracey Slaughter, Fallston, 15:02

15-19 boys

- 1. Paul Badders, Street, 10:22
- 2. Kyle Hoedebecke, Aberdeen, 10:48
- 3. Chris Seiler, Jarrettsville, 11:18

15-19 girls

- 1. Maighdlin Sullivan, Bel Air, 14:06
- 2. Kathleen Sayers, Fallston, 14:14
- 3. Kelly Sommers, Jarrettsville, 14:19

20-29 men

- 1. William Harvey, Forest Hill, 10:56
- 2. Jason Carroll, Bel Air, 11:32
- 3. Kevin Russell, Timonium, 11:50

20-29 women

- 1. Tanya Gorrell, Street, 14:42
- 2. Amy Dekett, Edgewood, 31:57
- 3. Heather Lockwood, Joppa, 31:57

30-39 men

- 1. Donnie Mickey, Havre de Grace, 10:42
- 2. Wilson Gorrell, Street, 10:43
- 3. Scott Smith, Abingdon, 11:19

30-39 women

- 1. Kathy Bruck, Fallston, 13:41
- 2. Sabra Kurth, Havre de Grace, 15:54

- 3. Dawn Tivvis, Belcamp, 16:57

40-49 men

- 1. Murray Davis, Bel Air, 12:20
- 2. Joseph Della Silva, APG, 12:54
- 3. Brad Roberts, Bel Air, 13:29

40-49 women

- 1. Cathleen Bartholomew, Aberdeen, 13:40
- 2. Lydia Johnson, Street, 14:43
- 3. Debbie Bilotto, Edgewood, 19:11

50-59 men

- 1. John Sullivan, Edgewood, 11:22
- 2. Ron Sayers, Fallston, 11:43
- 3. Jim Aiken, Bel Air, 14:03

50-59 women

- 1. Linda Lane, Bel Air, 31:57

60-and-over men

- 1. Robert Flens, Bel Air, 14:48
- 2. George Kupets Sr., Abingdon, 24:20

60-and-over women

- 1. Bertha Flens, Bel Air, 18:31

Team Awards

Civilian Women:

- Fallston High - Melanie Bender, Kathleen Sayers, Regan

Shifflett, Kristen Valle, Aleris Cooper, Tracey Slaughter and Kathy Bruck

Civilian Men:

Team Endure - Brian Harris, Joe Drissel, Jason Carroll, Murray Davis, Eric Clark, Tim Barnaba and Donnie Mickey

Military Men:

CHPPM - Kevin Russell, Lt. Darren Spearman, Capt. Chris Gellasch, Brad Roberts, Lt. Michael Desena, Lt. Stephen Wolf and Kyle Hoedebecke

Overall results

Gas Mask Dash 2-mile:

Women:

- 1. Donna Lewis, 12:27
- 2. Jessica Kearney, 12:28
- 3. Colleen O’Brien, 12:41
- 4. Valerie Beach, 13:27
- 5. Cathleen Bartholomew, 13:40
- 6. Kathy Bruck, 13:41
- 7. Maighdlin Sullivan, 14:06
- 8. Kathleen Sayers, 14:14
- 9. Kelly Sommers, 14:19
- 10. Melanie Bender, 14:23
- 11. Tanya Gorrell, 14:42
- 12. Lydia Johnson, 14:43
- 13. Sally Hoedebecke, 14:58
- 14. Regan Shifflett, 15:01
- 15. Tracey Slaughter, 15:02
- 16. Kirsten Valle, 15:26

- 17. Donna Ruten, 15:28
- 18. Jessica O’Brien, 15:32
- 19. Sabra Kurth, 15:34
- 20. Terri Broemm, 15:40
- 21. Meghan Jaeger, 15:48
- 22. Aleris Cooper, 15:48
- 23. Patty Adkins, 16:39
- 24. Tabitha O’Donnell, 16:49
- 25. Dawn Tivvis, 16:57
- 26. Lisa Lee Whiteford, 17:44
- 27. Ellen Kurt, 17:52
- 28. Kelly Dougherty, 18:07
- 29. Rachel Reed, 18:17
- 30. Bertha Flens, 18:31
- 31. Nicole Richards, 18:51
- 32. Nancy Yeager, 18:53
- 33. Debbie Bilotto, 19:11
- 34. Bailey Dew, 19:20
- 35. Lisa Booher, 20:03
- 36. Anna Williams, 20:12
- 37. Tracey Biggs, 23:29
- 38. Debbie Della Silva, 24:10
- 39. Jacqueline Crouse, 26:18
- 40. Barbara Peck, 26:20
- 41. Amy DeKett, 31:57
- 42. Heather Lockwood, 31:57
- 43. Linda Lane, 31:57
- 44. Chris Gray

Men:

- 1. Brian Harris, 9:20.3
- 2. Joe Drissel, 9:41
- 3. Paul Badders, 10:22
- 4. Donnie Mickey, 10:42
- 5. Wilson Gorrell, 10:43
- 6. Kyle Hoedebecke, 10:48

- 7. Jeffrey Siebert, 10:52
- 8. Bill Harvey, 10:56
- 9. Chris Seiler, 11:18
- 10. Scott Smith, 11:19
- 11. Greg Thompson, 11:21
- 12. John Sullivan, 11:23
- 13. Brian Datsko, 11:24
- 14. Paul Dunn, 11:25
- 15. Jason Carroll, 11:32
- 16. Robert Bartholomew, 11:36
- 17. Ron Sayers, 11:43
- 18. Kevin Russell, 11:50
- 19. Nick Johnson, 11:56
- 20. Duane Christy, 12:00
- 21. Matt Rothwell, 12:14
- 22. Alex Czisny, 12:15
- 23. Murray Davis, 12:20
- 24. Darren Spearman, 12:21
- 25. Justin Cover, 12:40
- 26. Craig McLeod, 12:42
- 27. Ben Cooper, 12:44
- 28. Brendan Harris, 12:47
- 29. Alex Frey, 12:50
- 30. C.J. Burdon, 12:50
- 31. Corey Bafford, 12:51
- 32. Joseph Della Silva, 12:54
- 33. Chris Gellasch, 13:11
- 34. Eric Clark, 13:14
- 35. Brian Slaughter, 13:15
- 36. David Rayboen, 13:19
- 37. Jon Jacobs, 13:22
- 38. Brad Roberts, 13:29
- 39. Bill SangtINETte, 13:31
- 40. Jim Dougherty, 13:38
- 41. Peter Christensen, 13:47

- 42. Tim Barnaba, 13:50
- 43. Andrew Kachur, 13:54
- 44. James Aiken, 14:03
- 45. Tomas McGinnis, 14:08
- 46. Bill Welch, 14:11
- 47. Barry Williams, 14:21
- 48. Tom Truselo, 14:22
- 49. Mike Trott, 14:25
- 50. Matt Seiler, 14:28
- 51. Thomas Walker, 14:29
- 52. Gary Businsky, 14:35
- 53. Robert Flens, 14:48
- 54. John Wrobel, 14:50
- 55. George Wagner, 14:51
- 56. Fred Brandt, 14:57
- 57. Ted Newing, 15:04
- 58. Ron Baesner, 15:10
- 59. Richard Cheicante, 15:11
- 60. Mike Ciufo, 15:14
- 61. Joe Ciufo, 15:14
- 62. Greg Kachur, 15:22
- 63. Chris Whiteford, 15:23
- 64. Barry Andrews, 15:53
- 65. John Stuff, 16:15
- 66. David McGarvey, 16:17
- 67. Pete Bilotto, 16:20
- 68. Michael Desena, 17:03
- 69. Stephen Wolf, 17:14
- 70. Karl Hildebrand, 17:21
- 71. Ed Jakubowski Jr., 17:49
- 72. Daniel Richards, 18:59
- 73. Clark Della Silva, 19:24
- 74. Harold Nelson, 20:01
- 75. Grant Della Silva, 23:10
- 76. Frank Yoakum, 24:14
- 77. George Kupets Sr., 24:20

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USAEC promotes career opportunities for female employees

By Neal Snyder
USAEC Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Environmental Center offers diverse services to the rest of the Army. It is a manager of programs, proponent of technologies, clearinghouse for research, and so on. Women play important roles in all of these facets of USAEC’s mission.

About 42 percent of the center’s staff are women, and 20 percent of them are GS-12 or above. Women also lead three of USAEC’s 13 organizational branches.

USAEC’s record of support for women recently earned the center recognition as the organization most supportive of the goals and objectives of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women’s Program.

Allison Bruno, Regional Environmental Office coordinator in USAEC’s Operations Center, serves as USAEC’s FWP coordinator. The FWP program benefits all federal employees regardless of gender, said Bruno. A commander’s concern for equality and work force morale is good for everyone in an organization, she added.

“The center has been a great place to work,” said Dominique Edwards, chief of the Program Management Branch in the Environmental Restoration Division.

Edwards has spent her entire career in the agency. She came to USAEC, then the U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency, 16 years ago as a summer hire. She joined the Environmental Restoration Division full-time in December 1983.



Photo by NEAL SNYDER

Dominique Edwards, chief of the Program Management Branch, Environmental Restoration Division, for the U.S. Army Environmental Center began working for the center 16 years ago as a summer intern.

As a new project officer, she managed cleanup operations for Army installations across the United States. Today, she oversees an office of 11.

“I never came up against any kind of inequality,” Edwards said. “I never experienced it here at USAEC.”

When Edwards came to USAEC, there were few female engineers in her branch.

“When I came on board, I did look for someone to emulate. In addition to top-quality male professionals, I found I could look to women in other branches who I could take up as role models as professionals. In administration there was Peg Dietz [now the commander’s administrative assistant], and there was Carolyn Barry [now security manager]. You know who’s on the ball and

who you want to be like,” Edwards said.

“I have been really fortunate to have had good project officers to show me the ropes,” she said of her own career progression.

After 16 years, Edwards still feels a strong sense of purpose working at USAEC. “I’m working to clean up the environment. Not only is it interesting, but it is a good thing to do,” she said.

Workers at USAEC “are close-knit, kind of a family. We have a lot of things in common.”

Aldona Pryce oversees management analysis and program evaluation for the Resource Management Division. When a nearby National Guard unit relocated to Arlington, Va., seven years ago, she took a step down to GS-12 to join the USAEC resource management staff. She became a branch chief two years later.

Pryce said USAEC gave her the opportunity to be a supervisor.

“I think, just as the award suggests, there are opportunities here for women,” she said, crediting USAEC for recognizing her work ethic rather than her gender. “Women are getting recognized for their ability equally with men,” she said. “I feel good because some of the things I’ve done have been recognized not only by my boss, but by the commander.”

“Considering that it is such a small agency, USAEC is doing very well. We do see the support. Women are very well represented,” Pryce said.

She said she was involved in the organized women’s program when she first came to the center. These days, she helps when she can.

“Personally, I try to support other women in whatever role they are in,” Pryce said.

Sharon Schmitt, program sup-

port specialist for the Conservation Branch, supervises her branch’s \$28 million budget and serves as small business administrator for the center.

“Prospective contractors come in to see me first and tell me about the company,” she said. “I see if there is a need for the work they are providing,” she said.

Like Pryce, Schmitt joined USAEC when the National Guard unit left. She took a secretarial job at USAEC, confident she would be able to work her way back into management.

Dr. Paul Thies, chief of USAEC’s Conservation Branch, “saw that I had the ability to do more than secretarial work,” Schmitt said. “USAEC gave me the opportunity to work outside my secretarial duties.”

Her promotion came two years ago.

“I would say it did come quickly, being new to USAEC and not being familiar with the environmental field,” she said.

USAEC encouraged Schmitt to pursue further education, and she recently received a certification in government contracting from George Washington University. She said leadership at USAEC is aware of past employment inequities in federal government and is striving to change them.

Today’s USAEC does as much as it can to promote women and give them opportunities to excel, Schmitt said.

Harford County Job Fair is Oct. 15

The Harford County Job Fair will be held Oct. 15 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The fair is open only to Aberdeen Proving Ground personnel from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; the public is welcome to attend from 2:30-6 p.m.

The fair, which is supported by the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, is sponsored by the Army Community Service Career Focus Center and Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; Harford County Office of Economic Development; Harford County Chamber of Commerce; Harford Community College; Open Doors; Susquehanna Region Private Industry Council; and Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Registration.

Dress for an interview and bring a resume. For help with resumes, preparing for interviews or seeking employment, call the APG Career Focus Center, 410-278-9669.

AROUND THE ARMY

Inscription dedicated on Vietnam crypt

By Spc. Bradley A. Rhen
Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. (Sept. 22, 1999) — “Honoring and keeping faith with America’s missing servicemen, 1958-1975.”

Those are the words now inscribed on the Vietnam Unknown crypt at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. The inscription was dedicated during a ceremony at the tomb Sept. 17, which was National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day.

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen hosted the ceremony, which included remarks by Georgia Senator Max Cleland, himself a wounded Vietnam veteran, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Henry H. Shelton.

“Today we come to this spiritual place where fate and honor shall always find harbor in the vagaries of age to honor the virtue and the valor of fellow Americans who were once held as captives, those whose perseverance and courage prevailed over the pain and doubt of war’s hellish prisons and to offer our prayers of deliverance for those still missing,” Cohen said.

The Vietnam unknown crypt has remained empty since the remains once enshrined there were disinterred on May 14, 1998. Through DNA tests performed by the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, the remains were identified as those of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie, whose plane was shot down over South Vietnam in 1972.

Advances in technology and DNA testing now make it unlikely that any remains from the Vietnam War will be unable to be identified, officials said. So in February 1999, the Department of Defense announced it would not place another unknown in the crypt, rather it would dedicate the inscription to show its goal for full accountability of all service members in combat.

“Without rest or reservation we will strive to account for every warrior who has fought to preserve the freedoms that we cherish and enjoy this day,” Cohen said at the ceremony.

Cleland, who lost his right arm and both of his legs in a grenade explosion in Vietnam, said having full accountability of all service members is very important, because the one fear service members have is that they will be forgotten.

“But let it be known far and wide around this great nation and around this great world that this nation does not forget . It does not forget its disabled veterans, it does not forget its POWs and for certain it does not forget its MIAs and the families they represent,” Cleland said.

Shelton also noted the importance of full accountability for all American POWs and MIAs.

“Our commitment to account for those that are still missing is rooted in the values that we as Americans hold dear and in the bonds forged between those who served together under fire,” Shelton said. “This bond includes the promise to never leave a fallen comrade on the battlefield, a promise that extends to shipmates at sea and to wingmen in the air.”

“America’s fighting men and women take care of each other,” Shelton added.

Honor guards from all five services and the U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own” participated in the ceremony, which concluded with flyovers by FA-18 Marine Fighters and UH-1H “Hueys” from the 12th Aviation Battalion, Davison Army Airfield, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Cohen, who presided over the disinterment ceremony last May, said it was not an easy decision to remove the remains from the tomb last year, but it was something that had to be done.

“With reluctance - with great reluctance - we disturbed this hallowed ground to retouch the remains which until that time



Photo by BRADLEY A. RHEN

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Henry H. Shelton makes his remarks during the ceremony where an inscription was dedicated on the now-empty Vietnam Unknown crypt at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. To Shelton’s right are Military District of Washington commander Maj. Gen. Robert R. Ivany, Secretary of Defense William Cohen and Georgia Senator Max Cleland.

were known but to God,” he said.

“Science helped ease the sorrow and suffering of a family and return their son to his rightful place, and science may one day help to ease the weight of grief of those who wait and wonder,”

Cohen continued. “But science cannot succeed without faith and without dedication, and this ceremony is held in that spirit.”

(Editor’s note: Spc. Bradley A. Rhen is the Pentagonagram assistant editor.)

Recruiting duty pays off for staff sergeants

By Sfc. Connie E. Dickey
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Sept. 22, 1999) - Some 260 former or current detailed recruiters will be pinning on E7 rank this year if they reclassify to 79R (Recruiter).

Sgt. Maj. Bill Hursh of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel said the Army’s requirement was to promote 361 recruiters to sergeant first class. “We only had 231 staff sergeants in the 79R (Recruiter) field eligible for promotion to sergeant first class this year.”

However, there were more than 3,400 former and current detailed recruiters that were eligible for sergeant first class promotion competing in their primary military occupational specialty.

A detailed recruiter is a soldier with a primary MOS other than 79R who is selected for recruiting duties. Recruiting duty is usually for three years.

Since the Army needs qualified, experienced recruiters, the Army leadership decided to allow those staff sergeants who were not selected for promotion in their PMOS, but were still considered fully qualified, to compete for promotion as a 79R, Hursh said. Their records were reviewed with the 79R records and re-voted for selection to sergeant first class as a recruiter, with the best-qualified soldiers selected for promotion as a recruiter without regard to whether they were a 79R or a current or former detailed recruiter, Hursh said.

There are some conditions current or former detailed recruiters must meet in order to get pro-

moted, however, officials said. Those staff sergeants selected for promotion in the recruiting field has to meet all the requirements to qualify as a recruiter. For example, if they have been out of the recruiting field for more than a year, they have to go back to recruiting school, they have to attend the Advanced NCO Course within a year of selection, and they must reclassify into 79R, making that their permanent MOS.

There’s additional good news for eligible staff sergeants who do decide to accept the promotion offer. Those who received a re-enlistment bonus in their primary field will not have to forfeit any of the bonuses if they select reclassification into the 79R field, Hursh said. In some cases, if all requirements are met, some staff sergeants may even receive a bonus for reclassifying and re-enlisting as a 79R.

Selectees are receiving a letter from the Army Personnel Command explaining their options. An accept/decline endorsement attached to the letter has to be filled out and sent back within 30 days.

“We’ve had some positive feedback from the field,” Hursh said, even though some selectees are still within that 30-day window and have not responded yet. “If a staff sergeant declines, it just means they are removed from the sergeant first class promotion list and they remain a staff sergeant in their primary MOS. They can still compete for promotion next year if they are eligible.

“This is a win-win situation,” Hursh said. “The soldier gets promoted and the Army gets a qualified recruiter.”

Outstanding drill sergeants honored at annual ceremony

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Sept. 28, 1999) - The Army's best drill sergeants for 1999 received plaques and praise from senior leaders at a Sept. 28 Pentagon award ceremony.

Army Reserve Sfc. Robert T. Priest, and Active Army SSgt. Terry J. Dokey received the Ralph E. Haines Jr. and Stephen Ailes awards, respectively, as the outstanding reserve and active-duty drill sergeants of the year. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki and Sergeant Major of the Army Robert E. Hall co-hosted the annual ceremony.

The NCOs, both infantrymen by trade, had also been recognized as U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's top drill sergeants for 1999. Priest, who lives in Lafayette, Ind., is currently assigned to the 84th Division's Drill Sergeant School in Milwaukee; Dokey trains recruits at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Drill sergeants make immense contributions to the Army, said Shinseki, who noted that most enlisted soldiers he has met in his Armywide travels still remember their drill sergeants.

"There is something about basic training ... that is life changing [for soldiers]," said Shinseki.

The chief of staff also recalled some conversations he had with recruits at Fort Leonard Wood this past August.

"I asked [the recruits] if they felt good about joining the Army," said Shinseki. "They all said, 'Absolutely.'"

Shinseki said he then asked the recruits what they thought about their drill sergeants. He said a female recruit told him her drill sergeants "made me dig deep ... for the first time in my life, I know myself [and am] proud of my achievements."

Drill sergeants are given great



Photo by GERRY J. GILMORE

Army Reserve Sfc. Robert T. Priest, left, and Active Army SSgt. Terry J. Dokey were honored Sept. 28 as the Army's top drill sergeants for 1999 at a Pentagon ceremony.

responsibility - and authority, said Dokey, who has been in the Army eight years. Consequently, he added, drill sergeants must stay focused and not abuse that authority.

"Don't let the power go to your head; make sure you take care of the soldiers and know your job," he said. "Your job is to make civilians into soldiers. As long as you treat recruits as persons, and with integrity, you can't go wrong."

By their actions, drill sergeants "can set up recruits for success, or failure," said Priest, a 10-year veteran. Accordingly, the best drill sergeants, he said, are role models that dedicate themselves to their soldiers and maintain high standards.

"They go that extra mile," he said.

Priest and Dokey said they have received a great deal of job satisfaction when recruits' parents thank them at graduation time. They both credited their wives for providing them valued support.

April Dokey, a self-described "Army brat," said she was very proud of her husband's achievement.

"My head is probably as big as his," she said.

Vickie Priest also savored her husband's accomplishment. She said she supports his Army Reserve activities "because it is something he enjoys."

The Sergeant Major of the Army, no stranger to duty "on the trail," was also happy for the two drill sergeants.

"It is just great to be here to watch these great noncommissioned officers get this award

they've worked so hard for," said Hall, who was the outstanding active-duty drill sergeant of the year for 1979.

Hall said drill sergeants instill discipline, and lay a foundation for job, life, and leadership skills "so trainees can grow up to become great sergeants in their own right."

NCOs who have completed a successful tour of drill sergeant duty have honed leadership skills they will continue to use after they go on to other assignments, said Hall.

"No matter where you go or what you do, you still maintain those traits and attributes - the very best of our Noncommissioned Officer Corps," he said. "Drill sergeant duty is something you take with you for the rest of your life."

Army producing lighter flak jacket

Army News Service

NATICK, Mass. (Sept. 28, 1999)— The U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center (Natick) will soon lighten the load for front-line troops by introducing a bulletproof "flak jacket" that weighs 35 percent less than the current system in October.

The Army and Marine Corps plan to issue Interceptor Body Armor as a replacement for the Personnel Armor System, Ground Troop or PASGT, now considered outdated after more than 15 years of service.

"The PASGT was fielded in the early '80s and met the requirements it was intended for," said Lt. Col. Steve Pinter, Project Manager for Enhanced Soldier Systems. "Technology has afforded us the opportunity to field a more capable system at a considerable weight savings."

The 16.4-pound Interceptor system consists of a tactical vest and a pair of small arms protective inserts. The Kevlar vest includes detachable neck and groin guards, while the ceramic plates slide into pockets on the front and rear.

By itself, the Interceptor vest insulates a soldier from shrapnel and 9-mm pistol rounds. When the protective inserts are added, the system acts as a ballistic barrier to 7.62-mm rifle ammunition. In comparison, the PASGT weighs about one-half pound more than the Interceptor vest, but only offers defense against fragmentation.

The PASGT can be upgraded to stop 7.62-mm rounds by teaming it with the Interim Small Arms Protective Overvest (ISAPO). However, the combined weight of the two systems tilts the scales to 25.1 pounds. To reduce this burden, researchers merged the two designs into a lightweight body-armor system that provides greater comfort and protection.

The Interceptor's interchangeable components give troops the ability to dress to the level of a particular threat, officials said. Applications include combat operations, peace-keeping missions and field-training exercises, as a defense against mines, grenades, mortar shells, artillery fire and rifle projectiles.

"The Interceptor system will allow commanders increased capability in the area's of survivability and maneuverability," Pinter said. "Survivability due to the ability to withstand up to 7.62 mm hits and maneuverability due to the 8.7-pound weight savings of the new system."

The Army approved type-classification for the Interceptor in June, and a production contract was awarded recently to Specialty Defense Systems in Dunmore, Penn. Troops can expect to start getting outfitted with the new body armor in October.

Members of the team overseeing the Interceptor's progression through the research and development process are Dr. Kyle Hassler, project director; Eric AmRhein, engineer; and Mel Chasteen, logistician.

Army and Marine Corps units helped test the Interceptor. Participating Army units include the 75th Ranger Regiment, 10th Mountain Division (Light) and 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), as well as individuals with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Natick is part of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, headquartered in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. More information about SBCCOM or the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center (Natick), is available at the web site <http://www.sbccom.army.mil>.

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Army establishes human relations committee

By **Sfc. Connie E. Dickey**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Sept. 20, 1999) - The Army's senior leadership has established a standing committee to look at what direction the Army is moving in the human relations area.

"The committee will assess current policies, procedures, education and training programs, and report back to the Secretary of the Army on our recommendations for change," said Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Patrick Henry. "Additionally, the committee will be in place to address human relations problems in a timely and thorough manner."

"The bottom line is that we are looking to evaluate existing policies and develop new initiatives for the Secretary of the Army's approval," he said.

The committee held its first meeting in mid-July. The committee was formed in part because of the turmoil the Army has experienced in the last several years that started at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., spread to posts across the U.S. and invaded the highest level of Army leadership.

In the past, Army officials have blamed the leadership for being uninformed about issues leading up to those breakdowns. During the first committee meeting, Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John M. Keane said he was looking forward to letting the senior Army leadership really know human relations issues.

Under Secretary of the Army Dr. Bernard Rostker, who was the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs before joining the Army team, said he felt the committee is the right thing to have based on his experience with the Navy and the Tailhook incident. "If there's a problem, whether Army-wide or an incident, the Army will already have a group ready to work it," he said during the first committee meeting.

Army officials said the Army uses semi-annual surveys sent out by the Army Research Institute to assess the effectiveness of its human relations initiatives.

However, the ARI uses only data collected from the active component. A proposal on establishing new surveys to include Reserve components and civilians is pending.

The committee will hear a baseline presentation on the current status of the Army's human relations issues at its next meeting. It has been scheduled to meet quarterly with Keane and Rostker as co-chairs of the committee.

"We want to take advantage of the experience of the committee members to provide the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Secretary of the Army with the best advice and counsel available," said Henry. "The issues that we review and resolve today, will have a longstanding affect on personnel matters well into the next century."

Prototype helicopter packs high-tech punch

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Sept. 21, 1999) - The Army's next-generation scout/attack helicopter is full of technological wizardry designed to make it particularly lethal on tomorrow's battlefields.

The dragonfly-like RAH-66 Comanche, the Army's newest helicopter, is undergoing developmental testing.

An intelligence gathering, light-attack aircraft, the high-tech Comanche is slated to replace the "Cobra" and the OH-58 "Kiowa" helicopters during the first decade of the 21st century, said Chief Warrant Officer Ron Ferrell, a liaison officer working in the Comanche program.

Ferrell explained the heli-

copter's technological highlights to journalists at a Sept. 9 technology luncheon at the Pentagon. The \$15 million machine provides "bang for the buck," said Ferrell.

The two-seat Comanche boasts twin turboshaft engines, said Ferrell, with each producing about 1,500 horsepower, allowing speed of 190 mph at full-throttle.

A forward-mounted, three-barreled, 20-mm Gattling Gun, rockets, or Stinger or Hellfire missiles deliver the Comanche's "sting."

It uses state-of-the-art technology for target acquisition, night or foul-weather flying, and easier maintenance, said Ferrell, a master aviator who ensures the design and high-tech gadgetry can be used and understood by today's Army pilots and navigators.

The Comanche's "open-architecture" electronics, he said, use modular circuits that can be quickly replaced, greatly simplifying maintenance procedures.

"We've miniaturized the size of our electronic components so that the large black boxes that we used to lug around are now simply circuit bars that you just switch out," said Ferrell. "This allows easy upgrades and changes to the aircraft with minimal effort."

The "two-tier maintenance" means it is fixed in the field or goes back to depot. Forty-eight tools are all the maintainer needs in order to support this aircraft in a field environment," he said.

The Army wants about 1,200 Comanches, with fielding scheduled to start in December 2006.

E Co. 16th wins Commander's Cup for first time; Air Force honored for sportsmanship

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participation for the win, but also the hard work of the company's unit sports representative.

"My executive officer, 1st Lt. Cynthia Hobbs, made sure she got the lieutenants out there," Barnes said. "She showed up faithfully and supported the team and unit."

That hard work also won Hobbs the Unit Sports Representative of the Year Award, initiated last year to honor those representatives who attend all meetings, submit all letters of intent on time, recruit players and coaches, ensure the unit meets criteria, and serves as a liaison between the unit and intramural sports coordinator, Earlene Allen.

E Company 1st Sgt. Rafael Rabassa beamed as he accepted the award with Barnes, and noted after that this was a major accomplishment for his 24 years with the Ordnance Center and School, and with his retirement approaching, the event was exciting.

"The leadership made all the difference," he said of the command team of Barnes and Hobbs. "The leadership allowed us to win every point possible. We won by the rules. The commander and executive officer knew exactly what we needed to do to win."

Barnes, who will leave the company next month for another position with OC&S, noted that support from Earlene Allen and Donna Coyne of the Intramural Sports Office "was a big help."

"Without their support, we would not have been able to achieve this," she said.

The Unit Sportsmanship Award, also created last year, went to the U.S. Air Force Detachment for the second year. Lt. Col. Darrell Holck, detachment commander, said he encourages his personnel to compete.

"We typically have 70 people or less assigned here, including students and permanent party," he said. "We may not always have enough players to field a team, but we compete as much as possible."

Allison noted that the sportsmanship award is presented to the unit that meets or exceeds a specific list of criteria.

"The Air Force Detachment never forfeited a game and showed a lot of teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the year," she said.

Pfc. Shawn Farrow of B Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, sang the National Anthem before the ceremony, an event which packed the APG Athletic Center. Advanced Individual Training students from 16th Ordnance Battalion showed their enthusiasm, and performed a "unit dance" in the bleachers.

The winners of the sports competitions this year are: HHC, 16th Ordnance Battalion, basketball, flag football, softball, golf and soccer; USMC, bench press, deadlift and raquetball; E Company, 16th, billiards, tennis and table tennis; Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, bowling; and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, volleyball. The Commander's Cup competition also included points for the three-on-three basketball tournament. The season starts at the end of August each year with soccer and flag football, and ends in August of the following year with softball and tennis. However, the race for the cup won't begin until January 2000, as the Sports Council voted to have the Cup run on a calendar year, not the fiscal year as it had been.

"Units will start collecting points in January with basketball and end with flag football in November, and the cup will be given in December or January, depending on how the winning unit wants to do it," Allison said.



At left, Pfc. Shawn Farrow of B Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, sings the National Anthem before the ceremony.



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Participating in the Commander's Cup ceremony are, from left, Marni Allison, APG sports director; Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander; 1st Lt. Cynthia Hobbs, APG Unit Sports Representative of the Year; E Company 1st Sgt. Rafael Rabassa; Capt. Karen Barnes, E Company commander; Randy Lindell, chairman, Harford County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee; Lt. Col. Tracy L. Ellis, commander, 16th Ordnance Battalion; Col. Ira H. Hudson, commander, 61st Ordnance Brigade; and Earlene Allen, intramural sports director.